Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Reva Marshall was born January 20, 1911, to Herb and Mary Marshall and was the third child of their fourteen children; and,

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, Reva married William Maher on November 30, 1929, and to that union seven children were born: Nellie Genevieve, Delores, Donna, Reita, William, Tom and Theresa and has been blessed with 45 grandchildren, 30 great-grandchildren and 4 great-great-grandchildren to which she has lovingly shared her home, wisdom and faith, prayers and lots of cookies; and,

Whereas, In 1950, Reva moved to Pierre, South Dakota, where she has maintained her home and continues to reside, worked for the state of South Dakota for 18 years, has been a loyal member of the Catholic Daughters and St. Peter & Paul Catholic Church, has avidly contributed to the sport of rodeo, is known far and wide for her delicious pies and has continuously been a wonderful neighbor and friend; and,

Whereas, Reva's family has planned a celebration on January 15, 2006, to observe her 95th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as her friends and relatives gather to honor her and celebrate her life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a woman who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim January 20, 2006, as

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in South Dakota, and I join all her many friends and family in wishing her a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twelfth Day of January in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Six.

M. Michael Rounds

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State